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FIRST ELINT EVIDENCE OF SCAN ODD RADAR IN
CUBAN AREA

ON 1 MAY 1962 A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN THE CUBAN
AREA INTERCEPTED SIGNALS FROM THE SOVIET AIRBORNE IN-
TERCEPT RADAR, SCAN ODD. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FIRST
ELINT EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY SOVIET AIRBORNE
INTERCEPT RADAR IN THE CUBAN AREA. THE SIGNAL
DISPLAYED NORMAL PARAMETERS OF 2125 PPS AND AN 8-BAR
RASTER SCAN. AT THE TIME OF THE INTERCEPT THE MISSION
AIRCRAFT WAS ON AN EASTWARD COURSE ABOUT 40 NM SOUTH
OF THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF CUBA. THE BEARING OF THE
INTERCEPT IS UNKNOWN DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SIGNAL
WAS IN THE BACKGROUND OF ANOTHER SIGNAL ON WHICH BEARINGS
WERE BEING TAKEN. THE RADAR WAS IN THE SEARCH MODE AND
IT DID NOT APPEAR TO FOLLOW THE MISSION AIRCRAFT. THE
INTERCEPT OF SCAN ODD SIGNALS HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED FOR
SOME TIME BECAUSE OF THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF BOTH
MIG 17 AND MIG 19 AIRCRAFT IN THE CUBAN AREA. SCP-3

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